



To Water Quality Technical Group Participants:

Thank you for attending the October 1, 1997, meeting of the Water Quality Technical Group. Please find attached a copy of the Meeting Minutes. The purpose of the meeting was to keep you informed of the status of the program as well as any new developments. We appreciate your attendance and your participation which heightened the productivity of the meeting. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank those who made presentations at the meeting.

WATER QUALITY TECHNICAL GROUP MEETING

The time and location of the next scheduled meeting of the Water Quality Technical Group is as follows:

**December 3, 1997
1:00 - 3:45
Bonderson Building
First Floor Hearing Room
901 P Street
Sacramento**

The meeting agenda is attached.

PROPOSED CALIFORNIA TOXICS RULE

The California Toxics Rule is being proposed by the USEPA in order to bring California into compliance with the Clean Water Act by providing water quality criteria for toxic pollutants. Attached is a copy of the Summary of the California Toxics Rule and a comparison table of Proposed California Toxics Criteria to CALFED Water Quality Values. These two documents have been reviewed and updated in response to USEPA and SWRCB review.

COMMENTS ON THE WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

Hundreds of comments have been received on the Water Quality Program. These comments are currently being reviewed, evaluated and incorporated where appropriate. However, due to the volume of comments, not all comments can be reflected in the Programmatic EIR/EIS which will be available for public comment in January/February. Nevertheless, those comments have been retained and will continue to be evaluated and incorporated where appropriate during the scheduled public comment period for the Programmatic EIR/EIS.

CALFED Agencies

California
The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal
Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

We are aware of the time and effort taken to comment on the program and appreciate your participation. Your comments have been an integral part of the development of the Water Quality Technical Report and we will continue to use those comments in the development of the program.

CMARP

As discussed in the October 1, 1997, meeting, Leo Winternitz will now be working on the development of CMARP for the Water Quality Program. We look forward to working with him. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the development of CMARP. We have received many helpful comments on the framework of CMARP to date and encourage you to continue participating in the development.

WATER QUALITY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Attention has recently turned to the development of an outline for a Water Quality Implementation Plan. As mentioned previously, the Implementation Plan will be a critically important feature of the water quality program which will provide you with substantial opportunity to assist in developing detailed plans and provide assurance CALFED intentions are realized. The implementation plan will help to determine which issues should receive priority for corrective actions. We will keep you informed of the status of the development of the implementation plan.